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Title: **GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE AND METHOD FOR MODIFYING PRONUNCIATIONS IN TEXT-TO-SPEECH AND SPEECH RECOGNITION SYSTEMS**

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 5, 2001

Dear Sir:

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Responsive to the Office Action of December 5, 2001, please amend this application as noted below.

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A method implemented on a computer for allowing a user to set a pronunciation of a string of characters, the method comprising:
allowing the user to select one or more characters in the string;